

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3519 - SB 3363

March 6, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Abolishes the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (Planning Commission). Transfers all duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Planning Commission to the Knox County Commission (County Commission). Requires the County Commission to hear and decide any pending appeals and plans.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The transfer of all duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission to the Knox County Commission will result in a shift of funds from the Planning Commission to the County Commission in the approximate sums of \$3,923,255 in total revenues, \$3,721,471 in total expenditures, and \$535,536 from the FY10-11 closing balance.**

Assumptions:

- The *Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission Annual Report FY2010-2011* indicates that the Planning Commission's 2011 Actual Budget included total revenues of \$3,923,255, total expenditures of \$3,721,471, and a fund closing balance (ending June 30, 2011) of \$535,536.
- Under the provisions of the bill, all duties, responsibilities, and functions of the Planning Commission will be transferred to the County Commission. It is assumed that the County Commission will continue to function at the current level.
- The revenue sources include fees and charges, federal grants, state grants, City of Knoxville contribution and contracts, Knox County contributions and contracts, and an in-kind contribution of office space.
- According to the Knox County Commission (and as evidenced in the Planning Commission Annual Report), the City of Knoxville contributes \$905,000 annually to the Planning Commission Budget. Should the City of Knoxville drop its contribution, the County Commission would incur a \$905,000 increase in local expenditures. Estimate assumes Knoxville will continue its annual contribution of \$905,000 following the transfer to the County Commission.
- All state and federal grants are transferrable.
- The fees and charges will remain constant.

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- While it is possible the transfer could result in a reduction in expenditures due to consolidation of certain services or functions or due to efficiency determinations made by the County Commission, such a reduction is not presently quantifiable.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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